



# Propulsion Environmental Working Group

A Collaboration for Advanced  
Sustainment Technology Insertion

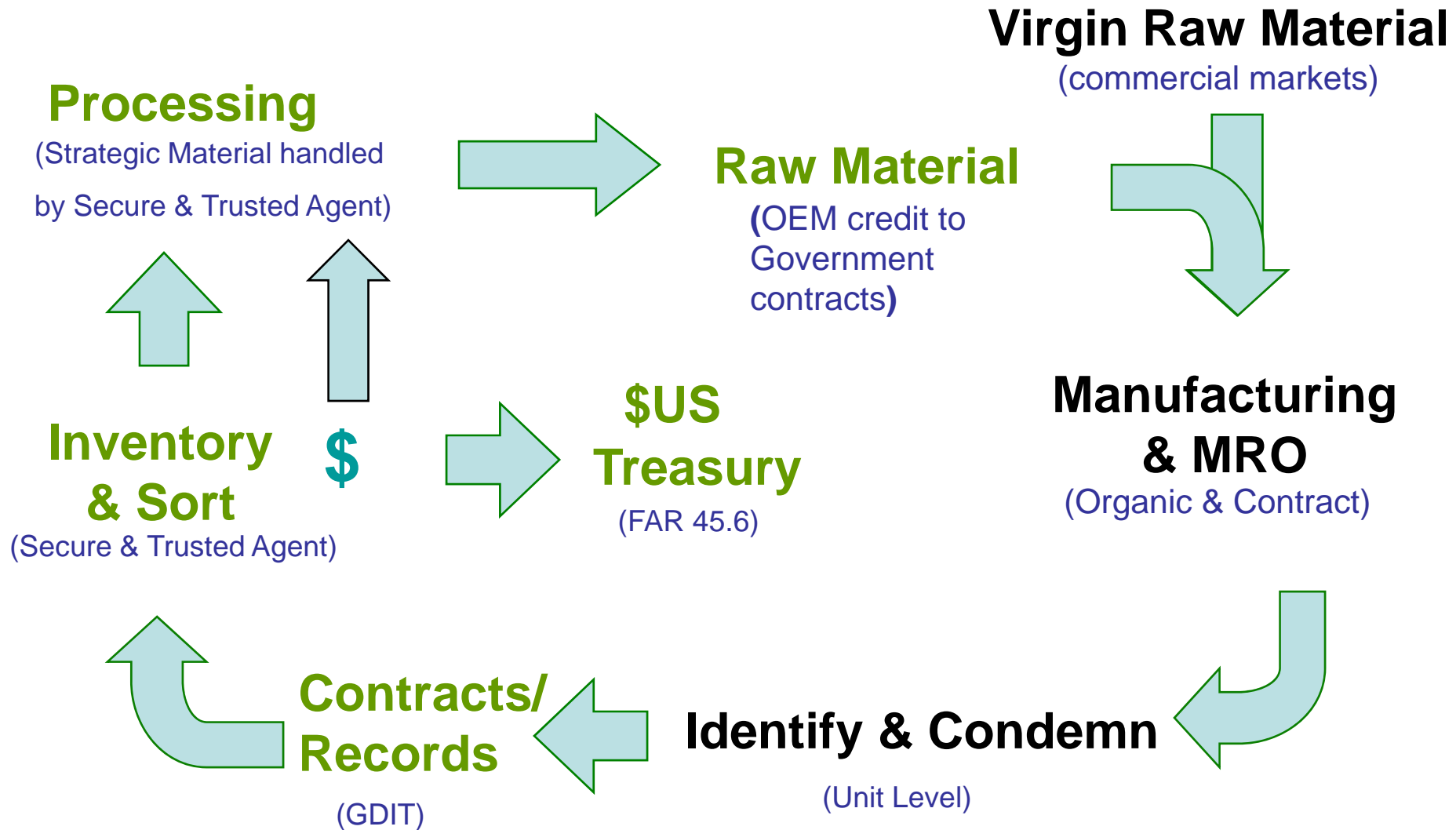
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# PEWG Mission

- Work within the AF propulsion community to discover and insert safe, clean, and effective manufacturing, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) technologies to improve process & product
  - Performance
  - Affordability
  - Competitiveness

# *Strategic Materiel Recovery and Re-use Program*



# PEWG PROJECTS

Number

## PEWG HQ AFMC/A5S

LP700 AA1004  
 LP701 AA1045  
 LP702 AA1015  
 LP703 AA1038  
 LP704 AA1051  
 LP705  
 LP706 AA1033  
 LP707 AA1048  
 LP708 AA1028  
 LP709 AA1055  
 LP710 AA1050  
 LP711 AA1032

## PEWG HQ AFMC/A5S

LP750 AA1014  
 LP751 AA1040  
 LP752 AA1037  
 LP753 AA1036  
 LP754 AA1043  
 LP755 AA1029  
 LP756 AA1057  
 LP757 AA1046  
 LP15  
 LP16

Title

## PSTWG (Tinker)

**Powder Coating Phase IV**  
**Supersonic Particle Deposition (SPD) Phase IV**  
**Coating Removal Process (CRP) – CrC plus**  
**Low Radioactivity Thermal Barrier Coating (TBC)**  
 Non-solvent Cleaning Process  
 Advancements in Plating Shop Efficiencies  
 Laser Inspection of Coated GTE parts  
 Plasma Resource Recovery System (PRRS)  
 Laser Peening to Preserve GTE part life  
 Slurry Feed Nano Plasma Repair Process  
 Optical Fusion Component Repair  
**Advanced Coating Application Module (ACAM)**

## MRO&PTWG (Hill)

Stripping Solution - WCCoCr  
 Parent Material Restoration – “Recast”  
 Low Density Coatings for Component Repair  
 High Velocity Oxy Fuel (HVOF) ID Gun  
**Laser Cladding/Additive Manufacturing (LAM)**  
 No-strip/Touch-up Repair  
 Camouflage Tire and Wheel Coating  
 Single Part Wheel Paint (Low VOC)  
**Qualify CERAL 3450 & produce in US**  
**Qualify portable hand Held Laser Welding**

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# ***Coating Removal Process OC-ALC – Propulsion PEWG LP 702***



## **Description**

- An “intelligent” coating removal process (technology) that attacks a duplex coating’s bond coat without causing damage to the substrate.
- “Green” - clean, safe, environmental and worker friendly
- May be utilized in Lean cell manufacturing
- Support Tinker AFB Transformation

## **Problem Statement**

- Duplex coatings, such as Thermal Barrier Coatings (TBCs) used on augmentor components, are difficult to remove without damaging the part.
- Current methodology, grit blasting, damages substrates contributing to increased scrap rate.
- Blasting with material creates HAZWASTE that needs to be removed at increased cost.

## **Deliverables**

- Formula to remove duplex coatings
- Test Report
- License to use
- Final Report
- First Article

## **Funding Sought**

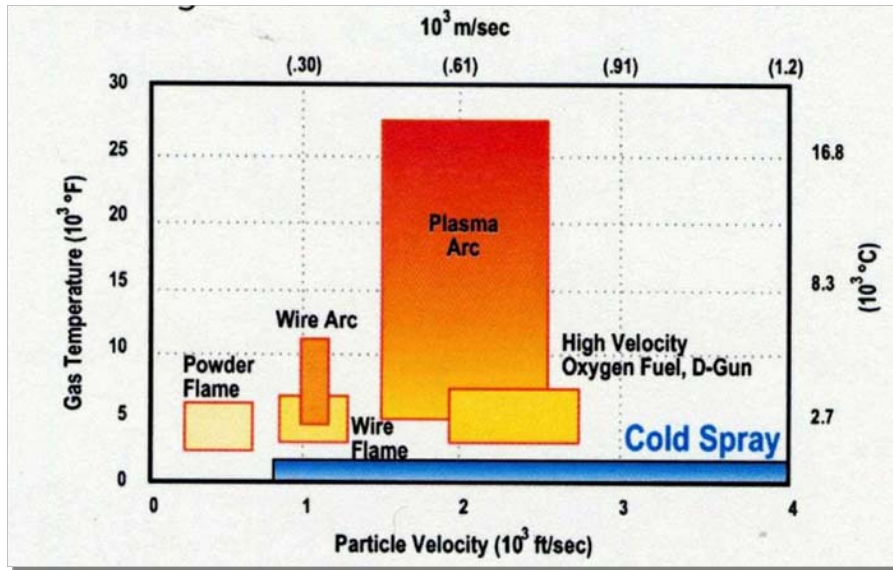
**FY 08  
Funded**

**FY09  
\$450**

**FY10  
\$200K**

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# Supersonic Particle Deposition – Propulsion PEWG LP701



## Description

- Supersonic Particle Deposition, or Cold Spray, Technology is emerging as a viable repair alternative
- The ability to produce coatings without inducing heat results in coatings with very low residual stress.
- Low residual stress contributes to the ability to produce thick coatings without the effects of spallation.

## Problem Statement

- Thermal Spray Coating Technology employed at the depot has a limitation on the thickness of the coatings that it can produce. This is due to the residual stresses in the coating that are inherent with high-temperature processes.
- Often times the thin coatings produced by the traditional Thermal Spray Process represent the limiting factor when attempting to salvage an MRB component.

## Deliverables

- Technology Report - Final
- New Process for 76 PMXG
- Identify new equipment
- Update TO pages

## Funding Sought

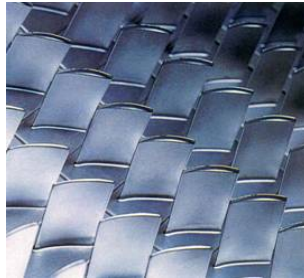
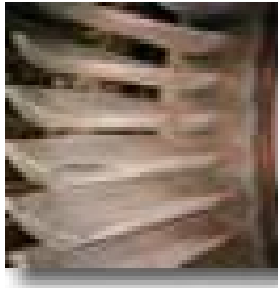
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# Ceral 3450 - Chrome Free Corrosion Protection



*Keeping Assets In The Field And Out Of The Depot*

## Participants

- Sponsors: USAF, USN
- Gov't Contributors: AFRL, OC-ALC/LR, 76th PMXG/CC
- Industry: Gebr.M und M.Morant, Grassau, Germany

## Schedule

- |                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| • Test Plan          | 1QFY07 |
| • Functional Testing | 2QFY07 |
| • Engine Testing     | 3QFY07 |
| • Test Review        | 1QFY08 |
| • Procurement        | 2QFY08 |

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## Technology

- An environmentally friendly coating that will extend the service life of strategic components; aircraft, engines, ground vehicles.
- Aluminum-Ceramic retards corrosion / erosion
- Drop-in replacement for existing hazardous coating used throughout DoD.

## Benefits To The Warfighter

- Increase time-on-wing, time on station, reduce shop visits, lower overall cost, fuel savings
- Presently being used throughout NATO and EU.

## Funding (\$M)

|               | <u>FY07</u> | <u>FY08</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| FCT           | Funded      | Funded      | 0.95M        |
| AF (F100 AMT) | 1.0M        | 1.0M        | 2.0M         |

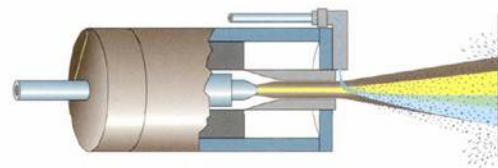
## Benefits

- RDTE Cost Avoidance: \$1.5 - \$3.0M
- O&S Cost Avoidance: \$10M
- Procurement Cost Avoidance: \$300K/yr
- Procurement Potential: >\$1M/yr
- Other: Results of previous (non-US) testing are available and can be used to offset US testing costs.

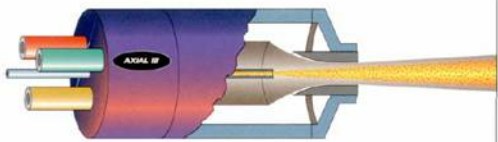


# Qualify Advanced Coating Application Module

## PEWG LP 711



Traditional Radial Plasma Gun



Axial III Plasma Gun

Phenomenal Deposition  
Efficiencies  
and Rates of Deposit

Reactive Metal Spraying  
(Ti, Zr, Al..... )

Blended and Graded  
Coatings

Allows for higher particle  
velocities & temperatures

***High quality advanced coatings for life of part  
wear, corrosion resistance, and thermal barrier protection***

### Description

- Advanced coating application module (ACAM) with axial powder injection providing high deposition efficiency, high spray rates
- Opportunity for micro and nanopowder coating application development incorporating metallics, ceramics, Thermal Barrier Coatings, Carbides and plastics
- Faster, cheaper, and produces better quality coatings than conventional Plasma Spray systems - utilizes nitrogen: others use expensive helium.
- Last longer, wear less, and be more reliable = MTBR increase

### OC-ALC/YP POC

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- Government Contributors: OC-ALC, PEWG
- Industry: Northwest Mettech Corp, Vancouver, BC

### Schedule

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|----------------------------|--------|
| • Contract for Test System | 1QFY08 |
| • Prepare Test Protocol    | 2QFY08 |
| • Perform Testing          | 4QFY08 |
| • Procurement              | 2QFY09 |

### Funding

| <u>FY08</u> | <u>FY09</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Funded      | Funded      | \$1100K      |

### Benefits

- TRL9 = RDTE Cost Avoidance: \$11M
- O&S Cost Avoidance: \$5M
- Procurement Cost Avoidance: \$1.2M/unit
- Fielding Reduction: 4+ years (COTS System)

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